

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES, AREG

SUBJECT: FORMAT FOR DIRECT RELAY NOTIFICATION OF DEATH  
TELEGRAM

REF: STATE 199909

1. IN CONNECTION WITH DIRECT RELAY DEATH NOTIFICATION FORMAT, TWO POSTS HAVE BROUGHT TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION LOCAL LAWS REGARDING BURIAL WHICH REQUIRE MANDATORY DISINTERMENT AFTER A NUMBER OF YEARS. POSTS IN COUNTRIES HAVING SIMILAR LAWS MAY WISH TO MODIFY THE DIRECT RELAY FORMAT TO INCLUDE A PARAGRAPH DESCRIBING THE LOCAL BURIAL RESTRICTION. PLEASE NOTE THAT POSTS MAY NOT RPT NOT OMIT THE OPTION OF LOCAL BURIAL AND COSTS THEREOF AND THE SENTENCE "MOST AMERICANS WHO DIE ABROAD ARE BURIED ABROAD."

2. ALTHOUGH PARA 7 OF THE FORMAT READS THAT POST WILL  
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WRITE TO ADDRESSEE FOR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS, THIS DOES NOT RELIEVE CONSULAR OFFICER OF STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF ENTITLEMENT BEFORE RELEASING PERSONAL EFFECTS. EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE TO WHOM DEATH NOTIFICATION SENT MAY OR MAY NOT BE NEXT OF KIN OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ESTATE. CHRISTOPHER

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